Women workers engaged in Fish Processing Industry

2433. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to make any study regarding the problem of women engaged in fish processing industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) An Inter-Ministerial Task Force was constituted to study the living and working conditions of the Workers in the Fish Processing Industry. The recommendations *inter-alia* include effective implementation of the provisions of the Inter-State Migrant Workmen Act, 1979, the Factories Act, 1948, medical and provident fund facilities under the relevant Acts, payment of minimum wages, over-time allowance, setting up of a Welfare Fund and certain welfare measures for women workers. The recommendations of the Task Force have been sent to the concerned Ministries/Departments and State Governments for taking appropriate action.

Pending Industrial Disputes

† 2434. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of disputes pending before the Government industrial tribunals and labour courts established under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, situated at New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata;

(b) the time taken generally for disposal of industrial disputes; and

(c) whether Government are contemplating to increase the number of presiding officers in Central Government industrial tribunals and labour courts in metropolitan cities of the country in view of the number of pending industrial disputes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) A statement is enclosed. (*See* below)

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.